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ALEC Rats Around the WI Capitol

What is ALEC?

The **American Legislative Exchange Council** (ALEC) is a politically conservative nonprofit policy-making organization consisting of both state legislators and individuals representing corporations. ALEC's mission statement describes the organization's purpose as the advancement of free-market principles, limited government, federalism, and individual liberty. The group provides a venue for corporations to assist politicians in developing what it considers model laws serving the economic and political aims of its members. Corporations fund almost all of ALEC's operations. Participating legislators, overwhelmingly conservative Republicans, then bring those proposals home and introduce them in statehouses across the U.S. as their own public policy innovations—without disclosing that corporations crafted and voted on the bills. Many controversial bills introduced in Wisconsin this past year are modeled after ALEC's "model" policies. *http://www.alec.org*

Quarles & Brady is a 118-year law outfit with offices in several U.S. cities and in Shanghai, China. Amongst the lawyers based in the Madison office of Quarles & Brady at **33 E. Main. #900** is **Ave Bies**. She was chair of the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) under Gov. Thompson and prior to that was deputy secretary for the Dept. of Corrections. She now serves on the board of the Wisconsin Policy Research Institute, a self described "free market" think tank funded by the rightwing Bradley Foundation (based in Milwaukee), which works closely with ALEC to promote their legislation in Wisconsin. As early as 2006, WPRI was pushing for limits on collective bargaining rights as part of its "solution" to the fiscal crisis then faced by Milwaukee County. Ave Bies has also been a supporter of deregulation in the energy sector, including support for high voltage transmission lines, as well as expanded coal and nuclear power generation, while questioning the need for renewable alternatives. *http://www.quarles.com*

The Hamilton Consulting Group is a government relations firm located at **10 E. Doty St., Suite 500**. This firm is home to many corporate lobbyists, including **Amy Boyer**, whose lobbying clients include Koch Industries, Wal Mart, Xcel Energy, and Wisconsin Mining Association. Amy Boyer also serves as ALEC's Wisconsin State Corporate co-chair, working closely with co-chair Bryon Wornson of Pfizer pharmaceuticals and ALEC's state legislative "Public Sector" co-chairs Rep. Robin Vos and Rep. Scott Suder. The role corporate co-chairs such as Amy play in facilitating the passage of ALEC's "model" legislation is unknown, beyond representing corporations before the state legislature and administrative agencies. However, ALEC member corporations, in addition to possibly funding scholarships for legislators to attend ALEC conferences, have been generous campaign spenders, pouring easily over $1M into Wisconsin state elections since 2001. *http://www.hamilton-consulting.com*

Capitol Consultants, located at **22 N. Carroll St., Suite 200**, is a bipartisan firm specializing in government relations and public affairs, and home to several lobbyists whose corporate clients are members of ALEC. Lobbyists here represent Pfizer pharmaceuticals, State Farm, AT&T, and Wal Mart, all corporations on ALEC's corporate board. Wisconsin-based activists may also be interested to know that lobbyists at Capital Consultants also work for the American Transmission Company and the National Mining Association. *http://capitolconsultants.net*

State Farm Insurance, with an outlet at **14 N. Carroll St**., is a corporate member of ALEC, and a sponsor of ALEC's Annual Conference.

The **MacIver Institute**, "The Free Market Voice for Wisconsin," is a Wisconsin-based think tank that promotes free markets. They have offices located at **44 E. Mifflin St., Suite 201**. The MacIver Institute is a member of the State Policy Network (SPN), which, as an important partner of ALEC's, helps coordinate the activities of a wide variety of conservative think tanks operating at the state level throughout the country. As a side note, in this same building in Suite 305, Krammer Group lobbyists work for corporate members of ALEC, including tobacco-king Altria and multinational pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline. *http://maciverinstitute.com*

Wisconsin Legislators with ALEC Ties

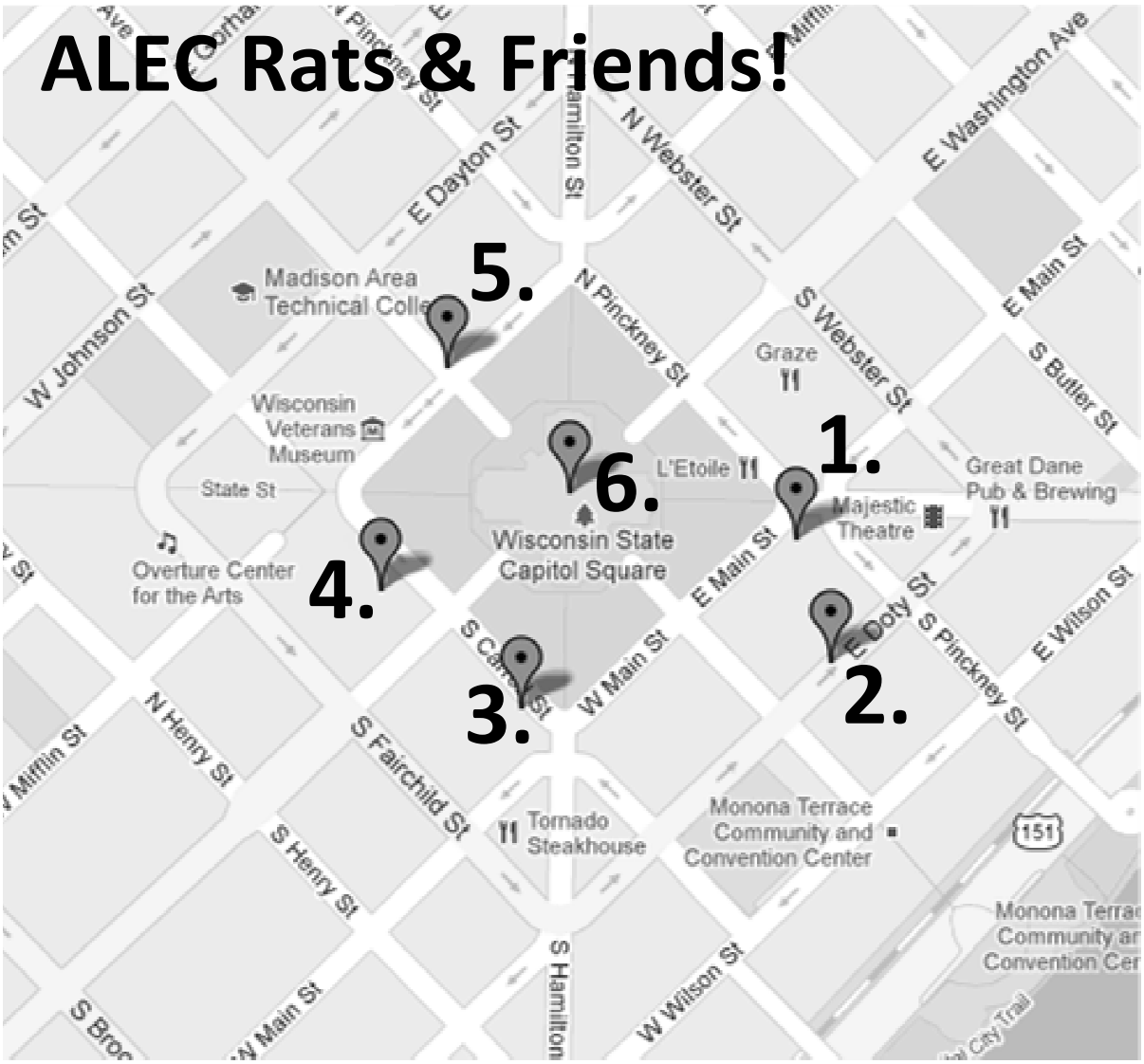
Assembly

- Rep. Tyler August (R-32), ALEC International Relations Task Force/Federal Relations Working Group Task Force Member
- Rep. Joan Ballweg (R-41), ALEC Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force Alternate, Public Safety and Elections Task Force Alternate
- Rep. Kathy Bernier (R-68), ALEC Public Safety and Elections Task Force Member
- Rep. Mike Endsley (R-26), ALEC Civil Justice Task Force Member
- Rep. Paul Farrow (R-98), ALEC Telecommunications and Information Technology Task Force Member
- Rep. Jeff Fitzgerald (R-39), ALEC Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force Member,
- Rep. Mark Honadel (R-21)
- Former Rep. Michael Huebsch (R), ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Member and former State Chairman[204]
- Rep. Andre Jacque (R-2), ALEC Civil Justice Task Force Member
- Former Speaker Scott Jensen (R), ALEC Member[205]
- Rep. Chris Kapenga (R-33), ALEC Civil Justice Task Force Alternate
- Rep. John Klenke (R-88), ALEC Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Alternate
- Rep. Joseph Knilans (R-44), ALEC Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Alternate
- Rep. Dan Knodl (R-24), ALEC Health and Human Services Task Force Alternate, Public Safety and Elections Task Force Alternate
- Rep. Dean Knudson (R-30), ALEC Education Task Force Alternate
- Rep. Bill Kramer (R-97), ALEC Telecommunications and Information Technology Task Force Member
- Rep. Scott Krug (R-72), ALEC Public Safety and Elections Task Force Alternate
- Rep. Mike Kuglitsch, ALEC International Relations Task Force/Federal Relations Working Group Task Force Member
- Rep. Tom Larson (R-67), ALEC Telecommunications and Information Technology Task Force Member
- Rep. Daniel LeMahieu (R-59), ALEC Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Alternate
- Rep. Michelle Litjens (R-56), ALEC Health and Human Services Task Force Alternate
- Rep. Amy Loudenbeck (R-45), ALEC Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force Alternate
- Rep. Howard Marklein (R-51), ALEC Education Task Force Member
- Former Rep. Phil Montgomery (R) (head of the Wisconsin Public Services Commission as of 2011)[19],Telecommunications and Information Technology Task Force Member
- Rep. Stephen Nass (R-31), Education Task Force Member
- Rep. John Nygren (R-88), ALEC Health and Human Services Task Force Member[206]
- Rep. Warren Petryk (R-93), ALEC Health and Human Services Task Force Member
- Rep. Roger Rivard (R-750, ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Member
- Rep. Erik Severson (R-28), ALEC Health and Human Services Task Force Member
- Rep. Jim Steineke (R-5), ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Member
- Rep. Patricia Strachota (R-58), ALEC Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Member
- Rep. Scott Suder (R-69), ALEC Public Safety and Elections Task Force Member and Co-chair of the Homeland Security Committee in 2007[207]
- Rep. Jeremy Thiesfeldt (R-52), ALEC Education Task Force Alternate
- Rep. Travis Tranel (R-49), ALEC Public Safety and Elections Task Force Alternate
- Rep. Karl Van Roy (R-90), ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Member[19]
- Rep. Robin Vos (R-63), ALEC State Chairman, Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Member, and attended 2011 ALEC annual meeting[208]
- Rep. Chad Weininger (R-4), ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Alternate
- Rep. Evan Wynn (R-43), ALEC Education Task Force Alternate

Senate

- Sen. Alberta Darling (R-8)[16], ALEC Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Alternate, Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force Member
- Sen. Scott Fitzgerald (R-13), ALEC Public Safety and Elections Task Force Member and former State Chairman
- Sen. Pam Galloway (R-29), ALEC International Relations Task Force Member
- Sen. Glenn Grothman (R-20), ALEC Education Task Force Member, International Relations Task Force Member
- Sen. Sheila Harsdorf (R-10)
- Sen. Randy Hopper (legislator)|Randy B. Hopper]] (R-18), ALEC Telecommunications and Information Technology Task Force Member, International Relations Task Force Member, Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Alternate, Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force Member
- Sen. Dan Kapanke (R-32), ALEC Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Alternate
- Sen. Frank Lasee (R-1), ALEC Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development Task Force Alternate
- Sen. Mary Lazich (R-28), ALEC Health and Human Services Task Force Member, Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force Member
- Sen. Terry Moulton (R-23), ALEC Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Member
- Sen. Luther Olsen (R-14)
- Sen. Leah Vukmir (R-5), ALEC Health and Human Services Task Force Co-chair
- Sen. Van Wanggaard (R-21), ALEC Tax and Fiscal Policy Task Force Member[209], Telecommunications and Information Technology Task Force Member
- Sen. Rich Zipperer (R-33), ALEC Civil Justice Task Force Member

To learn more about ALEC, please visit *http://www.alecexposed.org*.



1. 33 E Main #900, Ave Bies at Quarles & Brady
2. 10 E Doty #500, Amy Boyer at Hamilton Consulting Group
3. 22 N Carroll #200, corporate lobbyists at Capitol Consulting
4. 14 N Carroll, State Farm Insurance outlet
5. 44 E Mifflin #201, MacIver Institute think tank
6. WI State Capitol, home to dozens of ALEC members!

Disclaimer: The creators of this event mean no ill will to creatures of the genus *Rattus*. The "rats" we're searching out are the ones truly responsible for the diseases of our society, not our furry four-legged friends.